

Strathaven,
St. Andrews,
Scotland.

21.6.34.

Dear Professor Barth,

My wife and I
are proposing to take a short
holiday in Germany about the end of
July and the beginning of August.
We mean to go to Tübingen and
also spend some days tramping in
the Black Forest. On our way out
we hope to spend perhaps two days
in Bonn and should like to call
on you if you are likely to be
at home. I should greatly like to
see you again if it is at all possible.
I wonder if you would be so good
as to let me know sometime soon
how long you expect to be in Bonn
after the end of the semester. We'll

probably be arriving in Bonn towards the end of the week which commences 22nd July.

You will be interested to know that I shall shortly be leaving St. Andrews to succeed Professor Welch in the Chair of Old Testament Language, Literature and Theology in Edinburgh. He invited me to succeed him and I received a unanimous invitation from the Nomenclature Committee. I am very sorry in many ways to be leaving St. Andrews so soon but I could not refuse to go to Edinburgh when I knew that Welch wanted me to do so. Besides my new post will give me responsibility for a very much larger number of students and will enable me to develop more fully the theological treatment of the Old Testament. So much of my time here has to be spent on the purely linguistic side of things. I shall perhaps have to wait in St. Andrews for one year longer but it is certain now that eventually I shall go to Edinburgh.

I am looking forward to seeing you again and your family. They were all quite young when I was in Münster. I was seeing Mr Sloan the other week and he told me that one of your sons is a great theologian.

I hope you and Frau Professor Barth are well. I am most indebted to you for the books you send me with such regularity.

Hoping to see you next month and with kindest remembrances,

Yours very sincerely,
Norman W. Porteous.
